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Dear Memorial Garden Participant:

Thank you for ordering a personalized brick to be placed at the Delaware Highway Memorial Garden at the Smyrna Rest Area. Your order is currently being processed.

As I am sure you have heard by now, the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), by virtue of recent decisions made by the General Assembly regarding this year's Bond Bill, is experiencing a lack of funding for many of its projects and programs. Unfortunately, this means we must delay some projects.

The Transportation Enhancement Program, the funding source for the Delaware Highway Memorial Garden, is just one of the programs affected by budget cuts. Thus, I regret to inform you that at this time the construction of the Memorial Garden has been delayed. Please understand, we are not abandoning this project, only putting it on hold until new funding sources are identified.

As noted above, your brick order is being processed. DelDOT will receive the engraved bricks in the coming months and will store them in a secure facility. We will certainly make it known to all when funding becomes available, and construction of the Memorial Garden moves forward. Once the garden is constructed and the personalized bricks have been put in place, you will be informed of the location of your brick within the garden, so that you may visit at a time that is convenient for you.

I greatly appreciate your interest and participation in the Delaware Highway Memorial Garden.

If you have any questions regarding the garden, please feel free to contact me within the Department of Transportation's Office of Public Relations at 302-760-2080 or 800-652-5600.

Sincerely,

Tina Shockley
Community Relations Officer

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